



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-001 ESTABLISHING THE NEW MEXICO DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY

I, BILL RICHARDSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Article V Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution provides "The supreme executive power of the state shall be vested in the governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed";

WHEREAS, there exists a recognized and immediate threat of terrorist acts which may be committed against the State, its infrastructure, and its citizens which could include biological, chemical, nuclear or conventional threats or attacks;

WHEREAS, the various state agencies have different authority and responsibilities with regard to protecting public health and safety and addressing the threat of terrorist acts;

WHEREAS, a serious and immediate need exists for the appointment of a Director of Homeland Security who shall consult with, advise, and coordinate the preparation for and response to any terrorist acts and disasters, and act as liaison with relevant federal, state, and local entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order as follows:

I. ESTABLISHING THE NEW MEXICO DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

- a. The New Mexico Director of Homeland Security is hereby established and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.
- b. R.L. Stockard is hereby appointed New Mexico Director of Homeland Security (the "Director") and shall have all powers and duties appurtenant thereto.

II. DUTIES OF NEW MEXICO DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

The Director of Homeland Security shall:

- a. Oversee and coordinate state and local resources in order to efficiently and immediately address any potential terrorist threats or acts;
- b. Prepare, plan and coordinate all counter-terrorism and emergency management activities among the various executive branch state agencies and local entities;
- c. Review, approve, and consult with executive branch state agencies with regard to contracting, expenditures, and resource allocation relating to potential terrorist threats or acts;
- d. Act as a liaison on behalf of the State of New Mexico to the Federal Office of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and similar agencies established by other states or local public bodies for the purpose of consulting with, advising and coordinating the preparation for and response to any terrorist acts and natural disasters.
- e. Utilize staff and resources within state government, approved by the Governor, in order to implement the purpose and intent of this Executive Order;
- f. Act as a Governor's Authorized Representative for purposes of coordinating the use of National Guard resources to address state emergencies due to natural disasters, terrorist threats or attacks;
- g. Perform all duties necessary for the implementation of the purpose and intent of this Executive Order.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE AGENCIES:

- a. Within ten (10) days from the execution of this Executive Order; all Cabinet Secretaries shall designate, in writing, a staff member to serve as liaison to the New Mexico Director of Homeland Security. That staff member shall be the point of contact within their agency and shall be responsible for implementing directives established by the Director.
- b. All Executive Branch state agencies shall cooperate with the Director and shall provide necessary staff and resources in order to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Executive Order. The Legislature and Judicial Branches may choose to cooperate with the Director and/or adopt the Director's plans for counter-terrorism and emergency management activities.
- c. All Executive Branch state agencies shall consult with and seek advice and approval from the Director before contracting or otherwise incurring obligations or expenditures relating to counter-terrorism response or emergency management activities.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 13th day of January, 2003.



BILL RICHARDSON

Governor of the State of New Mexico

Filed According to Law:



REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON

Secretary of State

